



SF 427 – English Language Learners, Eligibility Extension (LSB1702SV)
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Description

Senate File 427 extends the number of years that students newly enrolled in an English language learner (ELL) program are eligible for funding through the school aid formula.

Background

Currently, students enrolled in an ELL program generate an additional 0.22 student weights through the school aid formula for a maximum of five years. Students are no longer eligible for funding when they reach English proficiency. This Bill would extend the number of years of eligibility to seven years for non-English proficient students first identified for ELL programming in FY 2018.

Assumptions

- The number of ELL generated weights will continue to grow over the next seven years at close to the average growth of the previous five years (7.0%).
- The percentage of students currently being served in sixth and seventh years of ELL programming will remain similar in future years.
 - For FY 2018 budgeting purposes, there are estimated to be 2,040 students across Iowa reported being served in a sixth year of ELL programming, representing an additional 10.0% of students currently receiving funding.
 - For FY 2018 budgeting purposes, there are estimated to be 1,563 students across Iowa reported being served in a seventh year of ELL programming, representing an additional 7.6% of students currently receiving funding.
- The weighting generated by a student in an ELL program is fixed at 0.22.
- State cost per pupil is fixed at \$6,664 per student, and the Property Tax Replacement Payment is fixed at \$83 per student.

Fiscal Impact

Because students beginning in an ELL program in FY 2018 will be eligible for a sixth and seventh year of funding, the first year of potential impact is FY 2023 with eligible sixth-year students and FY 2024 with eligible seventh-year students. **Table 1** shows the estimated impact to State aid and property taxes.

Table 1

	Estimated Number of ELL Generated Weights (Five Year Eligibility)	Sixth Year- Eligibility Weights	Seventh Year- Eligibility Weights	State Aid Increase	Property Tax Increase
FY 2018	4,653	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2019	4,979	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2020	5,327	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2021	5,718	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2022	6,119	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2023	6,547	653	N/A	\$ 3,861,842	\$ 489,750
FY 2024	7,005	699	535	\$ 7,297,876	\$ 925,500

Sources

Department of Education
LSA analysis and calculations

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
